

### Nominations to Advisory Committees and Road Board.

**Mr. President:** I have to announce that I have made the following nominations to the respective Advisory Committees:

Advisory Committee on Education ..... Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon.

„ for Industries and Commerce ..... Mr. N. Govinda Pai.

„ for Agriculture & Co-operation ..... Mr. V. J. Mathai.

„ for Medical and Public Health.... Dr. A. R. Menon.

I have also to announce that the following Members have been nominated by the Government to the Road Board:

- Messrs. 1. C. V. Iyyu.  
2. K. Ayyappan.  
3. P. K. Madhava Menon.

The House will now take up the consideration of the budget demand under Ayurveda.

### Voting of Demands for Grants.—(cont.)

#### 9=(23) Ayurveda—Rs. 37,202.

**\*Mr. A. Sivarama Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move for the grant of a sum of Rs. 37,202 under 23—Ayurveda. I find that there are 3 cut motions tabled with regard to this demand, and though I had no desire to anticipate the reasons that the hon'ble members may advance in favour of the cut-motions I may be permitted, Sir, to make just a short statement with regard to the amount that is allotted to this head. It is perhaps probably the figure i. e., the sum of Rs. 37,202 which is an appreciable advance from the figure in the last year's budget which was only 16,885. This may have in a sense misled some of the hon'ble members into thinking that there is a real increase for Ayurveda proper. For example 16,000 and odd to 13,000 and odd. I wish to explain, Sir, that out of this sum of Rs. 37,202 a sum of Rs. 17,272 used to appear under the heading Panchayat Vaidyasalas and used to be allotted under the Panchayat Department. This sum has been taken over for convenience under Ayurveda proper. Therefore the net increase under Ayurveda is not Rs. 20,000 and odd but something far less about a couple of thousands. I only

\* Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.